

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 04/18/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 46-60.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 18 April 2005 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given via email by Mark Friedman on 06/22/2005.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. Claim 46 (Previously Presented) A computer implemented method executing on a computer system for image-based matchmaking of a searcher and prospective candidates, the method comprising:

- (a) providing an image of each of the candidates;
- (b) analyzing said image of each of the candidates to define physical characteristics;
- (c) storing said physical characteristics;
- (d) selecting at least one potential match between the searcher and said candidates based on said characteristics;
- (e) providing at least one referee by the searcher, and
- (f) specifying a gender of said at least one referee.

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2. Claim 52 (Previously Presented) A computer implemented method executing on a computer system for image-based matchmaking of a searcher and prospective candidates, the method comprising:

- (a) providing an image of each of the candidates;
- (b) analyzing said image of each of the candidates to define physical characteristics;
- (c) storing said physical characteristics;
- (d) selecting at least one potential match between the searcher and said candidates based on said characteristics;
- (e) providing at least one referee by the searcher, and
- (f) providing information on the searcher by said at least one referee.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 46-60 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In regards to independent claim 46, the prior art does not teach a method for image-based matchmaking of a searcher and prospective candidates, the method comprising: analyzing said image of each of the candidates to define physical characteristics, providing at least one referee by the searcher, and specifying a gender of said at least one referee, in combination with all of the other claim limitations.

In regards to independent claim 52, the prior art does not teach a method for image-based matchmaking of a searcher and prospective candidates, the method

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comprising: analyzing said image of each of the candidates to define physical characteristics, providing at least one referee by the searcher, and providing information on the searcher by said at least one referee, in combination with all of the other claim limitations.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Boris Pesin whose telephone number is (571) 272-4070. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday except every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid can be reached on (571) 272-4063. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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